

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.

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6. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 5 wherein the browser

provides commands utilizing hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.

7. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 5 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface application that is executed on a web application platform.

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Please add the following new claims:

29. A method for utilizing a database as a service, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) making the database accessible to a user over a public network; and
- (b) controlling access to the database based upon a mutually agreed-upon

criteria between a provider of the database service and the user.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the mutually agreed-upon criteria is cost-based.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein the mutually agreed upon criteria is time-based.

32. The method of claim 29 wherein the browser provides commands utilizing

hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.

33. The method of claim 29 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface (UI) application that is executed on a web application platform.

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34. The method of claim 33 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.

35. The method of claim 34 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.

36. A computer readable medium containing program instructions for utilizing a database as a service, the program instructions for:

(a) making the database accessible to a user over a public network; and
(b) controlling access to the database based upon a mutually agreed-upon criteria between a provider of the database service and the user.

37. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the mutually agreed-upon criteria is cost-based.

38. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the mutually agreed upon

criteria is time-based.

39. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the browser provides commands utilizing hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.

40. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface (UI) application that is executed on a web application platform.

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41. The computer readable medium of claim 40 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.

42. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.

43. The method of claim 2 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.